

KAAPSEHOOP BOULDERING GUIDE

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Introduction

Kaapsehoop is situated about 45minutes drive from Waterval Boven and about 20minutes drive from Nelspruit. The bouldering is on pocket-like and slopey sandstone boulders. Many easy problems have not been documented in this guide. Amongst the sea of lowballs which are great for kids, scattered are a couple of great problems. The elevation is roughly the same as Waterval Boven. Feel free to contact some of the locals in Nelspruit who know the area, if you are planning a trip.

Directions

Drive from Waterval Boven towards Nelspruit on the N4. About 50km from Waterval /Boven is Ngodwana and a factory paper mill. Take a signed turn-off right to kaapse hoop. Drive for 10minutes and the town and boulders will come into view. Drive into the town and park at the start of the walking trail.

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LIVING THE DREAM BOULDER



GPS: S 25 35' 26.3"/ E 030 46' 23.3 " /Elev 1663m

Boulders near this: DAB, Battleship boulder, Just Imagine Boulder

Living the Dream 7C

Start on two good pockets, traverse under the boulder with powerful moves, then topping out tending rightwards on slopers.

Perfect 4th 7C

Start as for shongolo then traverse left onto superfly topping out at the start of Living the Dream.

Hold the Chutney 7C

In this picture situated behind the boulder, sit starting on the striking overhanging arete feature. Hard at the grade.

Shongololo 7B

Start next to a rock on the ground on your right, move left onto Dynamite and finish off

Badass Raindance 7B

Start as for Hold the Chutney, but move up and rightwards to top out.

Superfly 7A+

Start on the flat underclings under the roof, move left onto the start hold of Living the Dream and top out.

Dynamite 6C

Start on the flat underclings on the roof, do one move to a good edge, then top out.

DAB 7A

Sit start on a boulder 8m down from the Living the Dream Boulder

JUST IMAGINE BOULDER



Boulders near this: Situated right next to the living the dream boulder

Just Imagine 7C

Stand start on TOTF, and traverse rightwards on the slopers, delicate foot work required.

The One They Forgot 7A

As you enter the complex, from the escarpment side, the first problem on the left, starting on pockets, one move wonder – could be soft.

CAVE



GPS: S25 35' 27.9" / E 030 46' 17.2"

Boulders near this: Skin Doctor boulder

Frailty of Sentimentality 7B+

Sit start left hand on the arete feature, right hand on a poor sloper, slap your way up to better pocket holds

Deans Traverse 6A

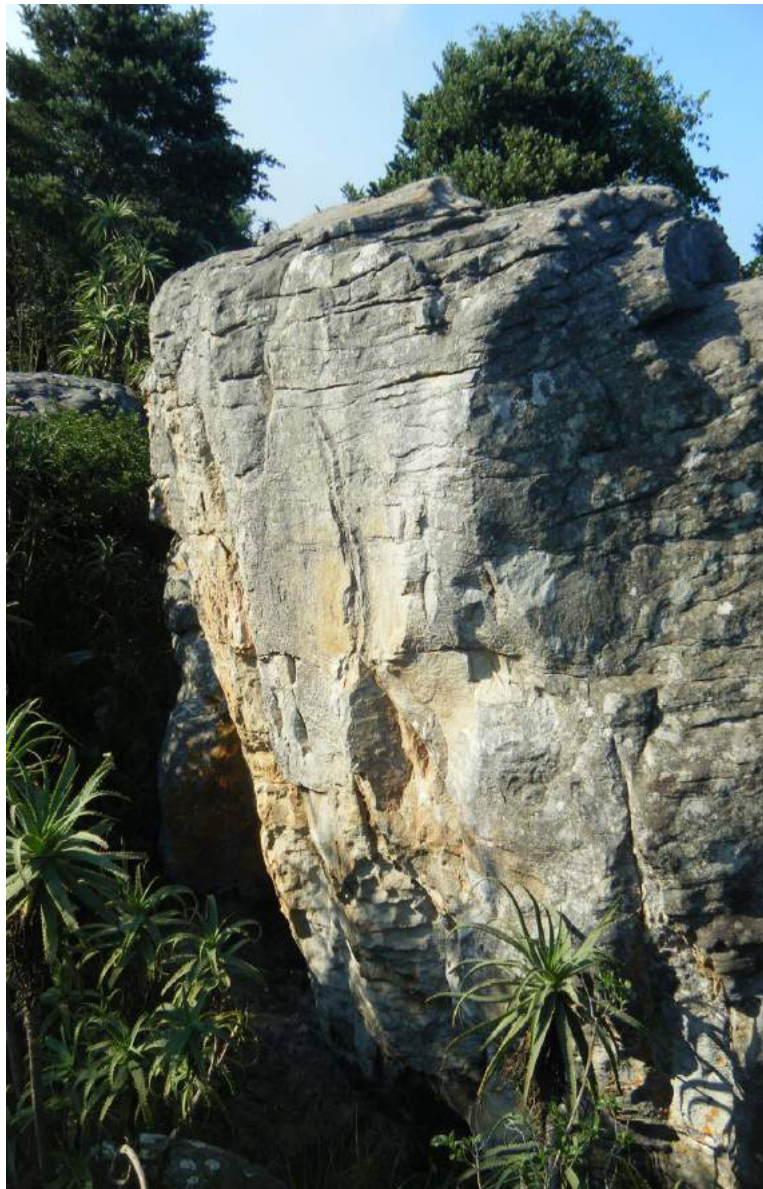
Walk out the cave system, easy traverse starting on the left side finishing right.

Hot Seat Project 7C?

Sit start.



Boulders near this: Situated in the same cave system as Frailty of Sentimentality



Boulders near this: Ginger Bleazard

Ezekiel 6B+

Start on some sharp fins and go directly up the boulder

Problems 6A-6B - Various.



Boulders near this: Ezekiel, Ginger Bleauzard

6B

Sit start and hug the boulder on your way up.



Boulders near this: Madam Butterfly, Roundabout, First Impressions

Power Ball 7B

Another John Wessels spotted boulder. Start next to the small sapling power up and rightwards to finish on the arete. Hard at the grade.

Power Magnet Project 8A+?

Start around the corner by the tree, sit start on steep ground onto the heinous slopers.

SPANDEX BOULDER



GPS: S25 35'43.4" / E030 46'11.0" / Elev: 1664m

Boulders near this: Dark Wing Boulder

Crazy horse 6C

Sit start, R.H on an undercling edge. L.H on a sidepull. Pull up going to a 2/3 finger pocket. T.O going left.

Everyday Combat 7A

Sit start L.H on a sloper, R.H on a small slopey edge. Move up the face, slapping up the arête to T.O.

Smell of Victory 7A

Start as for E.C. Move to a flat jug in the middle of the boulder. Use crimps to move up the middle of the face.

Spandex 7B

Start as for E.C and traverse right across the boulder.

SUBMARINE BOULDER



Boulders near this: Madam Butterfly, Pachi project

As you start walking on the main path as you break into open ground, grass, there's a path that breaks rightwards, 20metres on this boulder appears. Further on the path the easy boulders appear(Madam butterfly, Roundabout, Snap it)

Traverse problems various 5C- 6B+

MADAM BUTTERFLY BOULDER



Boulders near this: Pachi project, Roundabout, Font Slab, First Impressions, Snap It

Madam Butterfly

6B

Sit start , right hand on a mono, left hand on a side pull, go directly up

ROUNDABOUT BOULDER



Boulders near this: Madam Butterfly, Snap it

Roundabout

6B

Sit start as in the picture on the right, traverse left around the corner then top out.

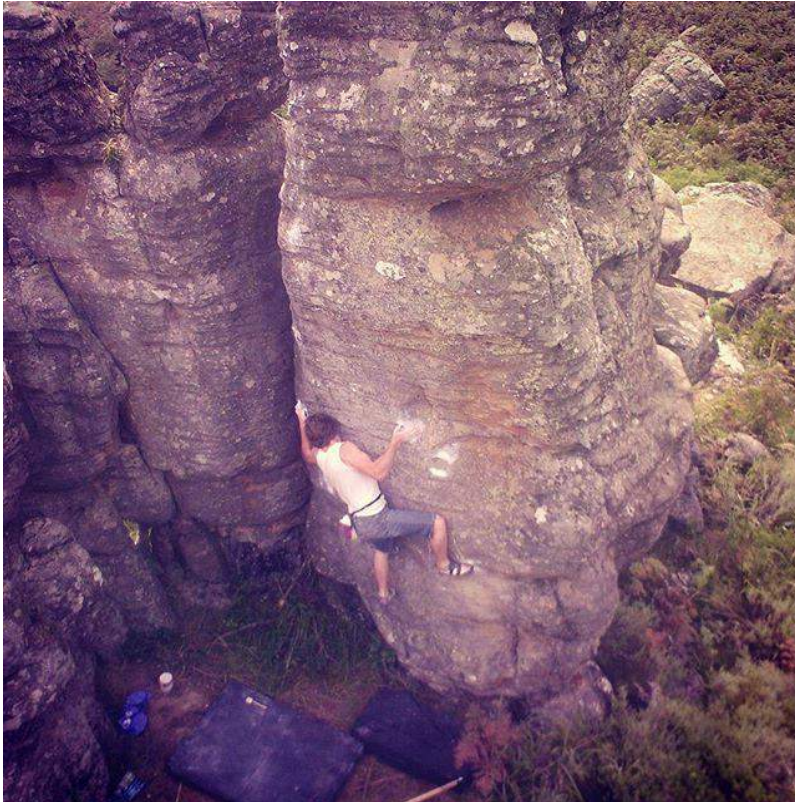
SNAP IT Boulder



Snap it

6B

Start climbing on the arête feature all the way to the top. Highball



GPS: S25 35'42.1" / E030 46'12.0" / Elev: 1699m

Boulders near this: Spandex Boulder

Dark Wing 8A

Stand start right hand on an edge, left hand on a poor sloper, climb the arete feature.



Boulders near this: Roundabout (Walk toward the road)

Wild Ones 7B

As you enter Kaapsehoop turn right and walk perpendicular to the road, this boulder is situated next to another one which has fallen off it. Start right hand on an edge and left hand on an awkward side-pull, traverse left on the boulder all the way ending on good holds to top out.



Boulders near this: situated on the outskirts of the boulder field, past First Impressions and Dark Wing

The Sapling 7B

This problem was found by John Wessels, arguably the best 7B in Kaapsehoop! Start at the bottom, with a sharp rock jutting out. Campus start to doing moves onto slopers at the lip.



Boulders near this: Madam Butterfly

Pachi Project 7C+/8A?

Situated 20meters from madam butterfly, as walking to the escarpment. Hidden.

SKIN DOCTOR BOULDER



GPS: S 25 35'28.8 / E 030 46'17.2 / elev:1654m

Boulders near this: Carrot Sandwidge, Knees for Free, Uno Play, Proximity

Skin Doctor 7A+

Sit start on edges , moving thinly up the face only.

Skin Doctor Arete 7A/6C+

Sit start as above, but use the arête feature to top out.

KNEES FOR FREE BOULDER



Boulders near this: Carrot Sandwidge(Situated just in front)

Knees for free 6C/6C+

Stand start using pockets and crimps. Go up to the midway undercling/roof. T.O tending slightly right.

6B.

Start as for kff but from the undercling/roof TO directly up.

CARROT SANDWIDGE BOULDER



GPS: S 25 38'34.4 / E 030 19'48.9 /elev:1454m

Boulders near this: Skin Doctor, Knees for Free

Carrot Sandwidge 6B+

Sit start on the layback with an edge for the left hand, climb directly up.



GPS: S25 35' 29.8 / E030 46' 22.1" / Elev: 1680m

Boulders near this: Carrot Sandwidge

Ouma Joe 7A

Sit start R.H on a small sharp (side pull)crimp,
L.H low down on a good side pull crimp. Move
up using the face only to T.O.

PROXIMITY BOULDER



GPS: S25 35'27.3" / E030 46'19.4" / Elev: 1657m

Boulders near this: Uno Play

Walk into the cave system, as you walk out the other side, the problems start above your head.

Proximity 6C+

Stand start under the overhanging arete, side pull
L.H, crimp RH. Move up to a jug then ,use the
arête to T.O over the lip.

Proximity 7A.

Do not use the slab in front for
the feat.

UNO PLAY BOULDER



GPS:. S 25 35'27.1" / E030 46'20.8" / Elev: 1152m

Boulders near this: Proximity

Uno Play 7A

Stand start matched on a good crimp. L.H up to a 2 finger pocket, slap up using slopers to T.O.
Pads are needed.

CRACKER JACK BOULDER



GPS: S25 35'41.4" / E030 46'07.8" / Elev: 1634m

Boulders near this: First Impressions

Cracker Jack 7A.

Sit start with both hands on underclings. Move up to the lip, then traverse left- deadpointing to a jug with the left hand to T.O

Transcendual Journey 7B

Start as for C.J., but traverse left and cross under pulling into the face on the other side of the boulder. Climb thinly up the face.

Boulder 14





Boulders near this: Huff and Puff, Snap It, Madam Butterfly

Where is my Mind? 6B

The 8m highball, has anchors on the top.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS BOULDER



GPS: S25 35'39.71" / E030 46'08.6" / Elev: 1639m

Boulders near this: Cracker Jack, Madam Butterfly, Huff and Puff

First Impressions 7B

The 10 metre highball situated at the valley onward from Madam butterfly. Slopey pockets take you at the top. It remains un - repeated after being opened more than 10 years ago.

BATTLESHIP BOULDER



GPS: S25 35' 23.2 / E030 46' 26.5" / Elev: 1668m

Boulders near this: Living the Dream

This boulder has real good quality easy problems.

6A+

Climb up to a small overhang, then dyno to a jug!

6B

Sit start, climbs up using crimps –following a staggered seam line.

5A

Climbs the prominent layback arête.

Black Streak 6C

Sit start. Head up the face with the obvious black streak on it.

Huff and Puff Boulder



Huff and Puff 6B

Situated next to Where is my Mind, slightly highballish.

